

88

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

DATE DISTR. 28 NOV 51

SUBJECT Shortage of Raw Materials for Glass Production

NO. OF PAGES 2

PLACE ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

50X1-HUM
SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT OF 1917, U.S. 18 U.S.C. AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION TO OTHERS OUTSIDE OF ANY BARER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1-HUM

REF ID: A6512

1.

1. CIRCULATE

the Jenaer Glaswerk Schott & Gen (VVB (Z) Optik)

plant is facing at least a partial shutdown prior to December 1951 unless the supply of boron, boron derivatives, and rascorit can be assured. 50X1-HUM
the management of the plant

request [] the allocation of the following raw materials prior to 31 December 1951 in order to maintain production:

Raw Material Monthly Requirements	Requirements Until 31 Dec 1951	Quantity on Hand	Sufficient for Production Until
Rascorit	34 *	204 *	93 *
Boric Acid	18	108	15
Zinc White	15	90	21
Carbonate of Barium	13	78	18
Barium Nitrate	31	186	40
Hydrated Alumina	47	282	40
Titaniumdioxide	1,25	7,5	0,8

2. The principal difficulties are encountered in the procurement of rascorit and boric acid. 50X1-HUM
if these two items are to be used in reduced quantity, the status would be as follows:

Raw Material Monthly Requirements	Requirements Until 31 Dec 1951	Quantity on Hand	Sufficient for Production Until
Rascorit	25 *	150 *	93 *
Boric Acid	14	84	15
Zinc White *	31	170	21
Carbonate of Barium *	25	113	18
Barium Nitrate *	33	195	40
Hydrated Alumina *	77	417	22
Titaniumdioxide *	2,15	12	0,8

* Units in tons

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION		SECURITY CONTROL - U.S. GOVERNMENT ONLY
STATE	NAVY	NSRB
ARMY	AIR	FBI
DISTRIBUTION		
Document No. 7		
No. Change in Class. <input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Declassified		
Class. Changed To: TS S (C)		
Auth.: HR 70-2		
Date: 5 SEP 1978		

50X1-HUM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY
SECURITY INFORMATION
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

50X1-HUM

-2-

[redacted]

3. Prior to making the request, a delegation of four members of the firm, Adam and Kühn of the raw material procurement section, Auer, the production chief, and Albert Heinitz, visited Berlin to present their raw material requirements in person. [redacted] despite their 50X1-HUM attempts to see every one who might be in a position to help them they had been shunted from office to office without even a promise of help. They first saw Engelke of the Main Administration, Chemical Raw Materials, who advised them to see State Secretary Albert (?) Binz of the Ministry of Trade and Supply. Binz did not receive them. Thereafter, the delegation went to see Techauer, chief of the Division of Materials Distribution; Fleischer, Secretary of Minister of Machinery Construction Gerhard Ziller; Minister Ziller himself; Michaelis of the Central Control Commission; Dr. Fritze of DAIA; and Kempte of the Central Committee of the SED. [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] all the persons contacted were fully aware of the 50X1-HUM shortage of rasoirit and boron in the Soviet Zone, but none of them seemed to be able to be of any help. The delegation was informed that, according to the minutes of the 15 June 1951 meeting of the "Great Planning Committee", it had been agreed that 60 per cent of the production facilities of the Jena firm would have to be shut down as of 31 August 1951 unless the required raw materials could be procured [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The possibility of obtaining rasoirit and boric acid from the Chemische Fabrik Billwärder AG, Hamburg 48, Billbrookdeich 26, was also discussed. 50X1-HUM

4.

[redacted]

5.

[redacted] DAHA Chemie attempted to import between 400 and 500 tons of borax [redacted] 50X1-HUM but [redacted] the Ministry had failed to provide the necessary hard currency as [redacted] 50X1-HUM late as 10 July. [redacted] further attempts will be made to purchase borax [redacted] 50X1-HUM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY